

**Establishing A Policy For Ulster County To Provide Methadone Treatment Services Seven Days Per Week**

Referred to: The Public Health and Social Services Committee (Chairman Lopez and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Litts and Provenzano), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Maloney and Richard Parete)

Legislator John Parete offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is in receipt and has reviewed the report of the Ulster County Coalition Against Narcotics; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that heroin and opiate addiction and the resulting overdoses are significant public health issues; and

WHEREAS, our community has lost far too many citizens due to this issue; and

WHEREAS, after a great deal of painstaking detailed and vigorous study the Ulster County Coalition Against Narcotics has made specific recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Coalition Against Narcotics has identified that there is an insufficient availability of the Ulster County Methadone Maintenance treatment program and that the insufficient availability acts as an obstacle to encourage residents seeking and maintaining the recovery from Substances Abuse Disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Health Department has reported an increased opiate addiction leading to an increased use of outpatient substance abuse services and a resulting waiting list from Methadone Outpatient Substance services; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, it is the policy of Ulster County to provide Methadone Treatment Services seven (7) days per week; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature calls upon the Ulster County Department of Health to evaluate possible actions that will expand the current Methadone Maintenance treatment program and/or reduce the number of patients on the Methadone treatment wait list, and report any recommendations or program updates to the Public Health and Social Services Committee within 120 days,

and move its adoption.

**Resolution No. 361      October 20, 2015**

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Public Health and Social Services on \_\_\_\_\_.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on \_\_\_\_\_.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**\$16,600.00 - APPROXIMATE YEARLY INCREASE TO CURRENT CONTRACT  
WITH HEALTH ALLIANCE HOSPITAL BROADWAY CAMPUS**